[28th January 1931

Alleged letter from the Collector of South Kanara to the District Judge regarding commissions.

* 162 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Collector of South Kanara wrote a letter to the District Judge of South Kanara, dissuading him from giving commissions or receiverships in suits in the district and subordinate courts of South Kanara to Mr. Shesha Bhat Bhide, Vakil, Mangalore, for his having resigned his councillorship of the municipality of Mangalore, and if so, what are the contents of that letter;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps or intend to take any to prevent such interference on the part of the executive in the administration of civil justice; and

(*c*) what is the justification for the said action of the Collector in interfering with the administration of justice on matters touching the individual opinions of lawyers?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.
(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Mr. U C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I ask whether the Government will call for the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government have already called for the information."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know what the information is?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The information has not yet been received."

Electricity

Licence for supply of electricity to Salem town.

* 163 Q.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Salem municipality applied to the Madras Government on 22nd August 1930 for the grant of a licence for the supply to the Salem public of electrical energy for power and lighting; if so, why no reply has been given till now;

(*b*) whether Messrs. Octavius Steel & Co., Ltd., have been given the necessary licence for distribution of electrical energy for Salem;

(*c*) whether any objection has been received under 2 (1) of the Indian Electricity Act of 1910; if so, from where;

(*d*) how the objection has been disposed of;

(*e*) whether the municipality was one of the objectors; if so, what were the terms of objection by the Municipal Council; and

(*f*) why the Government in spite of such objection, granted the licence to Messrs. Octavius Steel & Co., Ltd.?